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1. Ambassador G. M. Pushkin and other members of the Soviet embassy in Berlin attended a SED Politbuero meeting which was held during the week of 12 June. A suggestion to the effect that a delegation of SED Politbuero members be present in Moscow during Chancellor Adenauer's visit was rejected by the Soviet representatives. Karl Schirdewan, Erich Mueckenberger and Hermann Matern are planning to go to Moscow during the week of 20 June, presumably in order to attempt to have the decision of the Soviet representatives in Berlin reversed.
2. A reduction in the number of technical personnel employed by the SED Central Committee has been proposed. The staff of the SED Politbuero would also be affected by this move.

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